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Referendum Ballot Misleading, May Invalidate Voting, Council Is Told

By Russell Greenbaum

The city council at its regular meeting held last Tuesday heard from a local citizen, a lawyer by profession, that a summary of the proposed changes to the city charter as it appears on the referendum ballot to be used by voters on April 15 is ambiguous and misleading. As a result, he maintained, the referendum election could be challenged and invalidated.

Arthur A. Levine of 23-F Ridge Road read a prepared statement in which he pointed out that the summary of the proposed amendment to Section 34 of the charter does not give the voter an adequate understanding of how the present law would be changed, as is required under the home rule law. This summary states as follows: "Under this section (34) of the charter the City Manager now has the power to appoint and remove all officers and employees except the City Solicitor. The proposed amendment adds Department Heads to the exception, so that they would be appointed with the consent of Council."

Levine argued that this summary does not make it clear to the voter that the city solicitor is now appointed by the city manager with the consent of council, that under the proposed amendment he would continue to be appointed by the manager with consent of council, and that presently the solicitor along with department heads can be removed by the manager. (One of the proposed amendments would require consent of council for the removal by the manager of department heads and the solicitor.)

Mayor Tom Canning felt that this argument might have some validity, and on the motion of Councilman Jim Smith the analysis prepared by Levine was ordered to be turned over to City Solicitor Ralph Power for study and advice. If he should support Levine's opinion, the ballots already run off would have to be replaced with new ballots.

To Beautify Center

Following a request by the Greenbelt Garden Club that it be allowed to beautify the mall at the shopping center with a special landscaping program, the council voted an expenditure of \$500 to lay out two large circular planting areas in front of the statue plus benches. The Garden Club also plans to landscape the areas on either side of the statue and plant a large evergreen on each side.

GHI Fails to Draw Quorum at Meeting

By Al Skolnik

For the second year in a row, a quorum failed to show at the annual membership meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. last night. When the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m., only 105 out of the 154 members needed for a quorum had made an appearance.

As a result, no official action could be taken on the proposed by-law change to stagger the terms of the board of directors. The net effect is that this year, as in the past, all 9 elected members of the board will serve a one-year term.

Hope was expressed by GHI officials that enough additional members would cast ballots today to make the election official. Up for election, in addition to the 9-man board of directors, are a three-man audit committee and a five-man nominations and elections committee. If there are not enough candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast, a run-off election will be held next Thursday, April 3.

Board and Committees Elected by Twin Pines

Members of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association elected the following officials at their annual meeting on Saturday, March 22: Board of Directors—Bruce Bowman and Anthony Madden, 3 year terms; Earl Ogburn and George Reeves, 2 year terms; Lewis Bernstein, Harvey Geller and Eleanor Ritchie, 1 year terms; Floyd Harrison, alternate for one year.

Supervisory Committee: Sidney Rubin for 2 years; George R. Jones and Cyrilla O'Connor for 1 year; and Leonard Baron, alternate for one year.

Nominating Committee: Robert Hull and James Cassels for 2 years; James Bates, Martin Haker and Alan Kistler for 1 year; Robert Garin and Harry Weidberg alternates.

The Loan Committee reported it has made three share-secured loans amounting to \$500, and four co-op home downpayment loans totaling \$4,672. All loan repayments are being made on time—there are no delinquencies.

The financial report showed net savings so far this year of \$956, and members' shares outstanding of \$5,110—an increase of over \$4,000 since the start of the year. During this same period membership increased from 14 to 36.

The students in charge of the school savings program at St. Hugh's School reported that the children are depositing an average of about \$35 each Bank Day, which is on Friday. Saving seems to be more popular with the younger students than with the older ones. This month they are conducting a slogan contest and awarding a dollar's worth of Twin Pines saving Stamps to the winner.

Some of the discussion during the panel session on "Working With Other Community Organization" revealed the fact that some people in Greenbelt believe that Twin Pines is exploiting the school children and unfairly competing with the sale of U. S. Savings Stamps. But it was also pointed out that the children are learning the habit of savings; that they are getting very valuable experience running their own bank; and that as individuals they receive the standard 1% per quarter dividend on all savings of \$10 or more.

It was suggested also that some Greenbelters think that Twin Pines was established as a private profit enterprise. All agreed on the necessity for a better public information policy for the Association—to get across the story that Twin Pines is a democratic, cooperative financial institution, wherein all net savings are distributed as dividends to the savers patronage refunds to the borrowers, and put into undistributable reserves for bad debts.

Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - GR. 4-6060

We all wish Nancy Markley a speedy recovery. Nancy, well known baton twirler and former Greenbelt assistant recreation director, is in the Air Force Hospital in Lake Charles, La. She would love to hear from all her Greenbelt friends and former pupils. Write to A/1C and Mrs. Ames J. Markley, 13507384, 68th Field Maintenance Squadron, Box 296, Lake Charles, AFB, La.

Nancy's mother, Mrs. Hilbert O. Kurth, 33-E Ridge, is home from the hospital after surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kuhn, 15-F Laurel, were guests at a reception on Sunday at the Pakistan Embassy celebrating Pakistan's Republic Day. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn enjoyed the very tasty buffet, especially the Pakistan style chicken. The music for the dancing was supplied by the Kitt's Music Company's Stereophonic Tape Rental Library where Mr. Kuhn is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Morris, 57-Q Ridge, are the proud parents of a daughter. Their first child, Lesa Dawn, made her debut on March 17. She weighed 6 lbs. 10½ oz.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. John Usher, 22-F Crescent rd. The important date—March 13.

It's a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Michael Robertazzi, 9-F Research. Rita Marie arrived on March 9, weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz. Her aunt, Miss Rose Turso, from Altuna, Pa., is here helping to care for the Robertazzi's first child.

Visiting the Crowder family, 15-E Laurel, is Owen's mother, Mrs. Gladys Crowder, from Rosedale, Ind. The Crowders also had a dinner guest, Willard Hayhurst, on Monday. Hayhurst is from Terre Haute, Ind.

Mrs. Gordon Arthur, 12-C Laurel, was the guest of honor at a baby shower given last Saturday by the mothers of Brownie Troop No. 416. For many years Mrs. Arthur has served the troop as assistant leader.

Birthday greetings to Stephen Pierson, 19-L Hillside, who celebrated his eighth birthday.

Everyone had a delightful time at the baby shower given for Virginia Klem, 4-D Hillside, on Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Alberta Thompkins, 4-C Hillside.

The Center School Kindergarten-ers are wearing happy faces again. New chick eggs have replaced those eggs which were casualties of the recent storm. Due to the power shortage, the incubator could not function.

Stuart Oring, son of Irving Oring, 1-F Westway, has been named President of the Rochester Institute of Technology Chess Club for the current academic year. Oring is a third year student in RIT's Photography Department.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile visited the campus of Maryland University on Wednesday, March 19. Due to the storm, the visit scheduled for Thursday, March 20, was postponed. One of the donors at the visit was Howard Chasanow, 11-T Ridge.

GHI Fiscal Statement Presented; \$34,000 Surplus Smallest Yet

Primarily as a result of increased expenditures for heat, maintenance, and a planned exterior trim painting program, the 1956 balance between income and expenses for Greenbelt Homes, Inc., was the smallest experienced since taking over from the Federal government in early 1953.

Rev. Suttie to Preach At Baptist Services



Rev. James R. Suttie

The Rev. James Robert Suttie, pastor of the Temple Hills Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., will preach for the Special Services of the Greenbelt Baptist Church, beginning Sunday, April 13, and concluding Friday evening, April 18. The services will be held in the Center School.

Mr. Suttie, a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Louisville University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, comes to Greenbelt with a rich and varied background, having served as a home missionary, pastor, chaplain in the United States Naval Reserve, and as a teacher in the Washington Seminary Extension program. He has served as a Marine officer in World War II.

Mr. Suttie has been associated during his twenty-four years of preaching with Temple Baptist Church of Los Angeles; Fountain Avenue Baptist Church of Hollywood, California; First Baptist Church of Columbia, S. C.; Alnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky.; and Greenland Avenue Baptist Church for about a year, and tremendous progress has been accomplished during this time.

Mr. Suttie is currently seen and heard on the television program "Look To This Day" on channel four at 6:50 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until April 18.

The Special Services is the third in the series of spring preaching missions sponsored by the Greenbelt Baptist Church and is a part of the District of Columbia Baptist Church and is a part of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention's program of Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusades.

The Special Services have been arranged by the Evangelism Committee of which Dr. William J. Crowder serves as chairman. Other members include Waldo B. King attendance; Dr. Charles W. Reynolds, prayer; Mrs. Charles W. Reynolds, hospitality; Harold Hammerla, visitation; Mrs. John J. Oleksak, music; and the Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson, publicity.

In preparation for these services a concentrated visitation effort has been in effect to reach the unchurched of Greenbelt and Brewyn Heights. Cottage Prayer meetings are being held on Thursday evenings for three weeks in Greenbelt and Brewyn Heights. Music will play a major part in these services, with congregational singing to be led by Dr. James Taylor McCarl. A choir of the Greenbelt Baptist church or other church will sing at each service, along with instrumental and vocal solos, duets, trios and quartets.

On Sunday, March 30, the Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson, pastor of the Greenbelt Baptist Church, will preach on the subject, "Revival For Survival," during the 11 a.m. worship service, and "Tears of Jesus" for the evening service, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Center School.

In a fiscal statement prepared by GHI comptroller Roy Brea-shears for the annual membership meeting last night, total income of \$1,158,000 and total expenses of \$1,124,000 were reported, leaving an undistributed surplus before allocation to reserves of \$34,000. This compared with the undistributed surplus of \$108,000 and \$57,000 reported in 1956 and 1955, respectively.

Almost the entire undistributed surplus is scheduled for transfer to reserve and contingency accounts covering heating, repairs and maintenance, and taxes. During 1957 both the maintenance and tax reserves suffered depletions of \$7,000 and \$8,600, respectively, as actual costs exceeded budgeted costs. Heating reserves would also have been drawn down if not for a fuel oil dividend.

Total income during 1957 was down some \$25,000 from 1956, primarily as the result of the postponement by Warner-Kanter of the third annual installment due on the sale of the undeveloped land.

Total expenses in 1957 increased \$48,600 over 1956. Repairs and maintenance (including contract work) showed the largest single increase (\$51,000), primarily as the result of the renewal of the exterior paint program which had been suspended for three years. Heating costs rose by \$13,000 reflecting rising fuel oil prices. Pay increases put into effect in March 1957 also were reflected in these accounts. Other increases were registered in management expenses (\$3,400) and insurance expense (\$3,200). Offsetting these increases only in part were savings in the water bill (\$10,400) and in uninsured losses (\$2,800).

During the year non-operating (sales and service office) expenses increased by \$2,800, but this was more than offset by an increase in non-operating income of \$5,900.

Local Girls Win Award

Two Greenbelt girls, Barbara McGee and Susan Abramowitz, have won this year's awards for writing in the Regional Scholastic Writing Competition for the Washington area sponsored by the Evening Star.

The two young writers have won writing awards before. This year they received Certificates of merit in the Short Story Division.

Each of the girls is talented in several directions. Barbara draws, paints, and devises cross-word puzzles, and is on the editorial staff of the school newspaper. She plans a career in illustration.

Susan, in addition to writing a regular theater column for the school newspaper, is a student of Father's High School Drama Lab at Catholic University. She is also an able pianist, preparing for a spring recital of the C Major Beethoven Concerto.

Both girls are honor students in the ninth grade at the Greenbelt Jr. High.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Registration for Arts and Crafts will be held on Tuesday, April 1, at 4 p.m. in the social room at Center School. Each boy or girl must pay a fee of \$1.00 to help cover the cost of materials and supplies. The session will last until June 12.

YOUTH COUNCIL DANCE

"The Jewish Youth Council of Prince Georges County is having a dance on Saturday, March 29, at 8 p.m., at the Adelphi Mill, 8402 Riggs rd., north of University Blvd. School clothes. Contests will be held and prizes awarded."

LITTLE LEAGUE

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Best Dressed Teen-age Boy, Timex
Watch; Best Appearing Family
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tion.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt
sponsored by the Recreation De-
partment and Lions Club will take
place on Monday, April 7 with three
big hunts. In case of rain the hunt
will be held on Saturday, April 12.
The first hunt will be at 9 a.m. for
pre-school, kindergarten and first
grade in front of Center School. At
10 a.m. a hunt for the 2nd and 3rd
grades behind the swimming pool
on the handball court. At 11 a.m.
for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades in
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